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Larson: Newington and South Windsor Police Departments To Receive School Safety Grants

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) announced that the Newington and South Windsor Police Departments will receive federal funding to increase security and safety in our public schools. Newington and South Windsor Police were awarded \$84,595 and \$53,918 respectfully.

The Secure Our Schools (SOS) grant program, provided by the Department of Justice’s Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Office (COPS), supports efforts by local municipalities and states to establish and enhance school safety equipment and/or programs with the goal of providing a safe learning and working environment for students and teachers.

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Secure Our Schools grants are two years in duration and will cover up to 50% of the total cost for the awarded project. This year, the COPS program will award close to \$16 million to support school safety related projects through 128 law enforcement agencies in 38 states.

Congressman Larson has long supported the COPS program and its mission to keeping our streets safe and our citizens secure. This year, he was instrumental in the passage of legislation to increase funding for public safety programs, including the COPS program, critical to maintaining public safety in our nation's communities.

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For additional information about the COPS Secure Our Schools program, visit COPS website at www.cops.usdoj.gov .